that the town roads, now under the control of the Maramat and Public Works Departments, the *poramboke* lands adjoining the roads and the temple tank should be transferred to the control of the Town Improvement Committee. The watchers of the tank and the funds for the maintenance of the roads and the pay of the watchers should also be made over to the Committee.

The Member also requested that the under-mentioned means of communication in the taluk should be improved:—

(1) The village road from Thirumani-Venkitapuram to the Ithipuzha bridge should be made into a cartable road.

(2) The roads in and about the town, which were now in a neglected condition, should be improved.

(3) The road on either side of the Puthenthodu should be metalled and two bridges should be constructed, one at the eastern and the other at the western extremity of the canal.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

100. The necessity for improving certain tanks and sinking more wells in the Changanacherri town.

Mr. P. A. Athicha Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Changanacherri) said that there was no good drinking water for the people of the town. There were three tanks in the taluk, *viz*., the Puvakkattu chira, the Chitrakulam and the Vazhappalli temple tank. These would get dried up in the hot weather and the water would be muddy in the monsoons. The matter had been represented to the Division Peishkar and estimates were called for. In the market, there was at present only one well. It was quite inadequate to meet requirements. He requested that steps might be taken to improve at least one of the three tanks, and also to sink two additional wells in the market. One well should be in the centre and the other at the eastern extremity of the market.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. The Chief Engineer will be asked to send up estimates for two more wells.

(2) Medical Relief.

101. The need for a hospital for Ghosha women at Nagercoil.

Mr. G. S. Uthumal Sahib Daha Lebba Alim Sahib (Member, Nominated) said that women were generally subject to more ailments than men. Except in Trivandrum, they had at present to get medical aid from male doctors. But most women would not be prepared to face male doctors, explain their maladies to them and obtain relief. They were therefore meekly submitting themselves as a prey to disease. In some cases, many lives had also been lost by unskilled treatment which they afforded themselves. The above evils were due to the absence of separate hospitals for *Gosha* women, in important stations, as in British India. He prayed for one such institution being established at Nagercoil.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

102. The necessity for improving the dispensary at Colachel.

The Revd. Fr. Fernandez (Member, T. I. C., Colachel) said that there was no well attached to the Government dispensary at Colachel, which was started about the year 1893. He requested that a well should be constructed for the dispensary.

He next said that there was a small ward attached to the dispensary, which could accommodate six in-patients. Until recently, the patients had to make their own arangements for diet, but the poor patients were now being given a daily allowance for their diet. They generally got their diet from the clubs. The self-dieting system was dangerous. The Member therefore requested that accommodation should

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